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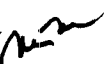
Michael F. Easley, Governor
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

Michael Moseley, Director

March 29, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: LME/Area Program Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley 

RE: Removal of ADATC Bed Day Allocation – Effective May 1, 2007

My staff discussed at the N.C. Council's Area Directors Forum on March 9, 2007 a proposal to discontinue the bed day allocation process for the ADATCs. It is my understanding that all of the Area Directors in attendance at the meeting were universally in favor of the proposal and agreed that it would encourage clinically appropriate use of the ADATCs and decrease use of the psychiatric hospitals for individuals with substance abuse diagnoses. Based upon that input, the Division has decided to remove bed day allocations for admissions to the ADATCs effective May 1, 2007. This will not affect the LME's role authorizing all admissions to the ADATCs. The authorization process for admission to an ADATC will continue unchanged. You will continue receiving HEARTS reports containing information regarding the number of days of treatment authorized but it will not be compared to an assigned LME allocation.

The removal of the bed day allocation process applies only to the ADATCs. The Psychiatric Hospital Bed Day Allocation Policy will continue unchanged. Individuals with substance abuse diagnoses who are admitted to the state psychiatric hospitals will be subject to the bed day allocation policy for the psychiatric hospitals.

The Division will continue to evaluate utilization and referral data after removal of the ADATC Bed Day Allocation and will assess the effect of ending the ADATC Bed Day Allocation Policy. If you have any questions regarding this change in policy, please direct them to Helen Wolstenholme at 855-4700 or via email at Helen.Wolstenholme@ncmail.net.

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